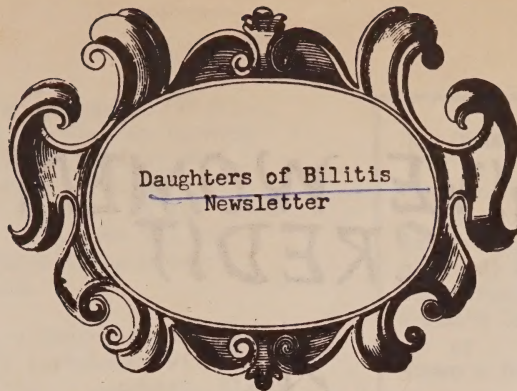




Introduction:

DOB march with our banner, "DOB Sappho's Sisters" in the Women's Contingent of the 1977 Gay Freedom Day Parade in San Francisco. It was the largest women's participation in the history of the parade. Del Martin marched with us. It was strongly emphasized that there are no "Gay" rights as opposed to "Straight" rights, there are simply HUMAN rights, which Miami has blatantly ignored. As a result, there was a strong group organized with the banner STRAIGHTS FOR GAY RIGHTS. Another banner said HUMAN RIGHTS ARE ABSOLUTE (Jimmy Carter).

"One of the most sacred rights guaranteed by our democratic form of government is the right to live one's life in the fashion he or she chooses --and to be free from prejudice or discrimination of any kind."

MAYOR GEORGE MOSCONE

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GIVE WOMEN CREDIT



UPDATE

Our last newsletter went out with the announcement of new officers and our April 24th meeting. Very busy these days and hope to see more of you at future activities as well as at our open monthly meetings, where you can participate in the decision-making process.

---In April we pledged our support of disabled lesbians who were protesting at the H.E.W. Building, SF. Letters were written to Secretary Califano. The struggle was won with the passage of 504.

---In May we met with "Lesbians Organizing", another Bay Area group, to draw up a list of suggestions for the Gay Pride Parade. These included transportation for children and aged persons, an interpreter for the deaf, Lesbian speakers and entertainment at the Fair. All were accepted by the Parade Committee.

---Also in May, we held a Garage Sale. The profits were small but welcomed. Janet and Becky provided space, food and support.

---The all women's spiritual retreat planned in Willits, California was cancelled due lack of commitment. Because of illness, Sally Gearhart had to withdraw her support and did change her mind about doing a speaking gig this time. If there is enough interest as well as energy from the community, another one could easily be planned at a future date.

---On June 23rd, the musical celebration was a success. Gwen Avery and Jerrene Jackson provided the entertainment. This was a joint effort with L.O. (Lesbians Organizing). [redacted] provided a slide show on recent developments in the Gay struggle with free popcorn.

---Suzanne Joyce was asked by Nina Kaiser, DOB President, to resign her position as Vice-President because of [redacted] behavior and inability to follow thru on any of her verbal commitments. The position is now open for nominations. If interested contact Nina between 6 and 8pm at 285-6971.

FUTURE PLANS

We are working in many areas and we depend on support from the community for energy, constructive criticism with support, ideas, feedback, commitments, etc. We have tentatively planned:

- 1) a day in Golden Gate Park with non-competitive sports, i.e. track, softball, volleyball, and/or other suggestions, along with potluck and picnic.
- 2) erotic film festival

3) all women's retreats in Willits, California, or similar country areas, could be held on any property owned or managed by women, for example, an all women's farm, etc. If anyone has any specific suggestions please contact Nina.

4) political, consciousness-raising or educational workshops, with Rita Mae Brown, Sally Gearhart, Elaine Noble or Margaret Sloan, depending on who is more approachable and/or available or could become. . .

DOB OPEN MEETINGS

second Sunday of each month
at

San Francisco Women's Center
63 Brady Street near Market
for directions call

Women's Center at 431-1180
or

Women's Switchboard at 431-1414

If you are interested in volunteering in one or more of these areas please attend our open monthly meetings and have your name placed on the agenda.



---Phyllis Lyon of the Human Rights Commission filed a complaint with the Federal Communications Commission against Channel 38 - KVOF, for equal time. Channel 38 gave 6 hours air time to Anita Bryant and Bob Green of Save Our Children, Inc. and refused air time to Gay spokespersons. The station is owned by the Faith Center in Glendale, California, which also has stations in Hartford, California.

---DOB and L.R.A. have been writing letters to KGO - Channel 7, demanding they include Lesbian QQ symbols on news graphics used in reporting on gay issues. The media, ALL too often in their coverage of gay issues in the news, ignore the women, who are certainly sharing in the struggle against discrimination because of sexual preference. A DOUBLE WHAMMY!!! (fight)

"The unity shown by the gay community on a national level, in response to Save Our Children, has shown that we are a power to be reckoned with. We are strong--we are verbal. We are poets, singers, teachers. We are carpenters and government workers. We are builders and we have pride in ourselves and in the future of our country that is equaled by few."

taken from GAY FREEDOM DAY COMMITTEE
Statement of Purpose

A N D we are women!

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Nina Kaiser - contributions, content & encouragement
Maria McPherson - constructive criticism & proofreading
Liane Esstelle - format, layout design, typing, supplies & ideas

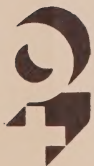




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“Through the changing fortunes of time — new jobs, new lovers, new activities — the DOB discussion groups have always been a constant that women can rely upon. The subjects of coming out, finding lovers, breaking up, working out the job situation, finding friends, dealing with families, and being a lesbian mother will always be topics of burning interest to the new people who tentatively open their closet doors trying to find some way of dealing with their own fears and the still too real oppression of our homophobic society.”

“DOB has always got to be here. I don’t know how I would have survived without it.”

— from “Ten Years of Boston DOB,
GCN, 1978.”

FOCUS

DOB publishes *FOCUS*, a bi-monthly journal for lesbians.

FOCUS welcomes contributions of poetry, fiction, essays, articles, reviews, graphics, and cartoons. Women interested in editing, typing, layout, advertising, and circulation are invited to join the *FOCUS* staff. Call the office for scheduled monthly meetings.



DOB BOSTON

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Daughters of Bilitis, Inc. Boston a lesbian organization

DOB Boston was founded in 1969 to meet three vital needs of the lesbian community:

- to provide social activities and support in a relaxed atmosphere;
- to work for social change and legislative action;
- to educate the public on lesbianism as a lifestyle.

DOB began in 1955 in San Francisco as the only lesbian rights organization and one of the few homophile groups in the country in an era of extreme repression against homosexuals.

By the end of the sixties, with the impetus gained from the gay liberation movement, DOB had grown into a national organization with branch chapters in cities across the United States.

The Boston chapter of DOB was established in 1969. Like other regional chapters, it obtained full autonomy from the mother organization in 1970. Today, DOB, Boston, is among the largest and most diverse lesbian organizations in the Northeast, drawing together women of all ages, backgrounds and political persuasions.

Why Should I Join DOB?

- DOB is the oldest organization of lesbians in the country and has provided support, assistance, referrals, activities and friendship to countless women since its founding in 1969.
- DOB is often the first place women new to the Boston area go. Maybe you were one of them. It is important to have a place to make this initial contact. Your membership fees help pay our office expenses to keep our space open and to support other causes in the gay community.
- DOB is a resource center. It is a place you can browse through gay literature in our DOB library. Your membership fees help to maintain and continually update this library and provide you with borrowing privileges.
- Membership affords you the opportunity to become a discussion leader as well as to have a voice in the future of DOB.
- DOB members also enjoy a reduced subscription rate to *FOCUS*, are given a discounted admission price to DOB events, and receive monthly news notes and a calendar of events.

Membership is open to all women 18 years of age and older.

Activities

Open discussions are held every Tuesday and Thursday at the office at 8:00 pm. "35 Plus" discussions are every second Wednesday and the last Friday of each month. All women are welcome. This is a place to talk about questions and concerns related to lesbian feelings and identity, as well as to meet other women.

DOB invites all women to join us for our monthly events, which include pot lucks, picnics, theatre parties, group trips, movies, softball, rummage sales, and our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner.

Business meetings are held once a month. All women are welcome. We need your input.

Other activities include making information available to the public, supporting state and federal gay rights legislation, participating in Gay Pride Week and organizing around other specific timely issues.

Call for further information:
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